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DEPT FOR AID/SER/CFS AND NEA/ARP

ALSO FOR W. KENDRICK, A/AID

ISLAMABAD FOR AID DIRECTOR WHEELER

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: COUNTRY FINANCED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: AMIR'S REQUEST
FOR CATTLE CONSULTANT

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1. DURING MEETING WITH LOUIS BERGER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SURVEY
TEAM, THE AMIR PERSONALLY REQUESTED USG ASSISTANCE IN DETERMINING
FEASIBILITY OF CATTLE RAISING IN QATAR (AMIR ALSO ASKED FOR
HELP IN OTHER AREAS OF AGRICULTURE. REPORTS FOLLOW BY SEPTTEL).
IN LATER MEETING, AMIR'S OFFICE DIRECTOR REITERATED AMIR'S
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INTENSE INTEREST IN GETTING USG OR US PRIVATE SECTOR CATTLE

EXPERT TO QATAR ASAP FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY ON CATTLE PROGRAM. BACKGROUND ON PAST GOQ EFFORTS AND SPECIFICS OF AMIR'S REQUEST FOLLOW.

2. AT PRESENT, GOQ HAS NO CATTLE PROJECTS UNDERWAY. ONLY HERD IN QATAR IS PRIVATELY OWNED, CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 200 HEAD OF FRISIAN DAIRY CATTLE IMPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA. ACCORDING GOQ LIVESTOCK EXPERT, CATTLE HAVE HAD ABOUT 70 PERCENT BREEDING SUCCESS. EXPERT SAID HE PREPARED STUDY ON FEASIBILITY OF SMALL DAIRY HERD WHICH RECOMMENDED INTRODUCTION OF 300 HEAD OF SPECIALLY SELECTED DAIRY CATTLE. EXPERT SAID HE BELIEVES THERE IS SUFFICIENT FORAGE AVAILABLE (PRINCIPALLY ALFALFA) TO SUSTAIN A HERD OF THAT SIZE WHICH HE CONSIDERS MAXIMUM NUMBER THAT CAN BE GRAZED ON AVAILABLE PASTURE. REPORT WAS READ BY AMIR WHO INFORMED EXPERT HE WISHED TO BEGIN WITH HERDS TOTALING 2000 HEAD, 1000 EACH DAIRY AND BEEF. THERE HAVE BEEN NO EXPERIMENTS AT ALL WITH BEEF CATTLE IN QATAR.

3. AMIR HAS ASKED THAT WE LOCATE US EXPERT TO PREPARE REPORT ON FEASIBILITY OF INTRODUCING 2000 HEAD OF CATTLE TO QATAR. SPECIAL CONDITIONS THAT WILL EFFECT RAISING OF CATTLE HERE INCLUDE LIMITED AMOUNT OF PASTURE LAND, EXTREMELY HIGH SUMMER TEMPERATURES AND HUMIDITY (UP TO 120 DEGREES IN SHADE) AND LACK OF WATER. AMIR HAS SAID THAT ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY OF PROJECT IS NOT A CONCERN IF UNDERTAKING IS PRACTICALLY POSSIBLE. SOME SPECIFIC QUESTIONS THAT WILL NEED TO BE COVERED ARE THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF CONCENTRATES THAT CAN BE MIXED WITH FORAGE FOR FEED AND THE AVAILABILITY OF STRAINS OF CATTLE SPECIALLY BRED FOR HOT WEATHER. ABILITY OF CATTLE TO BREED IN THIS ENVIRONMENT WILL BE MAJOR CONSIDERATION.

4. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT EXPERT BE THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH BOTH BEEF AND DAIRY CATTLE AND HAVE EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE WITH CATTLE IN HOT, ARID AREAS. HE WILL CONSULT WITH HIGHLY QUALIFIED GOQ LIVESTOCK EXPERT (WHO HAS PHD FROM TEXAS A&M) AND FAO AS WELL AS MAKE INDEPENDENT STUDY. GOQ IS WILLING TO TAKE EITHER USG EMPLOYEE OR PRIVATE SECTOR CONSULTANT.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST AID/SER/CFS MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO LOCATE EXPERT WITH QUALIFICATIONS NECESSARY TO PERFORM TASK
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OUTLINED ABOVE. TIME FACTOR EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. IN MARCH 8 MEETING WITH KENDRICK OF A/AID, AMIR'S OFFICE DIRECTOR PRESSED FOR VISIT OF CATTLE AND OTHER AGRICULTURAL EXPERTS WITHIN ONE MONTH, AND KENDRICK ASSURED HIM THIS SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TIME FRAME. GOQ IS PREPARED TO PAY ALL EXPENSES CONNECTED WITH SURVEY INCLUDING TRAVEL, ACCOMMODATION AND SALARY. PLEASE RESPOND SOONEST WITH CV OF AVAILABLE CANDIDATES, INCLUDING, IN CASE OF PRIVATE SECTOR, FEE REQUESTED.

6. FOR ISLAMABAD AND USJEC RIYADH: AS REQUESTED REFTL,
WOULD APPRECIATE IF YOU COULD LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANYONE
ON YOUR STAFFS THAT WOULD BE QUALIFIED AND AVAILABLE TO UNDERTAKE
THIS STUDY.
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